

Death of Mrs.

Betsy Ough

Mrs. Betsy Ough, far and favorably known, died at her home here last Sunday morning at 3 o'clock aged 99 years. Senile weakness and the weight of years were the immediate cause of death.

She was the daughter of an Indian chief of the Cascade Indians, a tribe of the Chinooks. Her maiden name was Schleyhoos.

She was born in 1812, and at the age of 20, was married to Richard Ough, an Englishman, who came here as the boat-swain of the Beaver, an English man-of-war. He was an officer with the Hudson Bay Company, also at the time of his marriage.

She was the mother of 11 children. Six of whom survive, as follows: Mrs. Sarah Cambrous, Benjamin J. Ough and John Ough, all of Washougal; Mrs. Grace M. Latourelle and Frederick Ough, of Latourelle, Or., and Mrs. Mary Sweeney, living in California.

After her marriage she lived for a time in the Tualatin Valley

in Washington County, Oregon. From there she moved northeast of Portland about six miles to the Dufer district, and in 1852 they moved across the Columbia river and settled in this part of Clark County, where she resided until her death. There were only three families here when she settled here 59 years ago on a donation land claim. The land claim covered most of the present townsite of Washougal, and extended for a mile and a quarter along the Columbia River. The name of Ough and the Ough homestead were well known in the early days, and many travelers in this section who had occasion to pass up or down the Columbia River enjoyed the hospitality of Betsy Ough. She died surrounded by her children and grandchildren.

The touching funeral services were conducted at the home by Rev. C. F. Clapp D. D. and burial in the Washougal Cemetery. The remains were followed to the grave by a large cortege of relatives, friends and pioneers who knew her in life, and laid her away in death, beside the remains of her husband, Richard Ough, who died here twenty-seven years ago.